

sequentially pouch lip to pouch lip; the flexible coupling portion including a span of flexible material extending from the rear pouch lip of a first pouch to the front pouch lip of the next pouch, in a series of pouches; said flexible coupling material portion including hinges along connections at each of the pouch lips, as well as a hinging portion in the span of the flexible coupling material portion between the pouch lips; wherein each coupling portion flexes to permit manipulation of the joined set of pouches, said manipulation being selected from the group consisting of closing, paging, tipping, fan accordion, parallel, push down, pull up and reversible.

Claim 4 was amended as follows:

4. (amended once) The storage system of claim 1, wherein seams formed by heat welding connect side and bottom margins of each pouch.

Claim 8 was amended as follows:

8. (amended once) The storage system of claim 1, wherein a means for hanging the storage system is affixed to the ultimate pouch.

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In claim 11, line ²§, the phrase - - such that - - was added at the end of line ²§, after the word "elongated".

In claim 14, line 1, the phrase "in a pouch" was changed to - - one of the pouches - - to provide proper antecedent basis in the claim.

Claim 15 was amended as follows:

15. (amended once) The storage system of claim 4, wherein additional seams are formed in each pouch to join the side and/or bottom seams to form internal compartment in each pouch.

Claim 17 was amended as follows:

17. (amended once) The storage system of claim 1, wherein one or more of the pouch mouths which are formed by the pouch lips are sealed and a content which is selected from the group consisting of liquid gel, powder, and a substance that degrades when exposed to atmosphere in inserted in one or more of the pouches.

Claim 22 was amended as follows:

22. (amended once) The storage system of claim 1, wherein one or more of the pouch mouths which are formed by the pouch lips are sealed by resealable seals and a content which is selected from the group consisting of liquid gel, powder, and a substance that degrades when exposed to atmosphere in inserted in one or more of the pouches.

In claim 23, line 2, the phrase "pouches" was changed to - - one or more of the pouches - - to provide proper antecedent basis in the claim.

In claim 24, line 2, the phrase "a pouch" was changed to - - one or more of the pouches - - to provide proper antecedent basis in the claim.

In claim 25, line 2, the phrase "a pouch" was changed to - - one or more of the pouches - - to provide proper antecedent basis in the claim.

Also in claim 5 at the end of line ²3, the phrase - - , for holding a content - - was added to better describe the invention.

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